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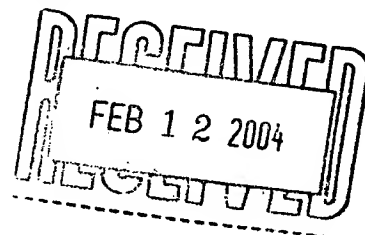
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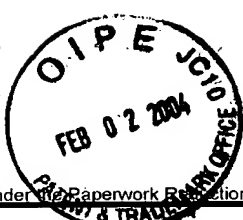
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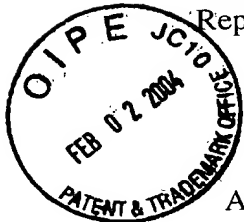
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Group/Art Unit : 2833  
Examiner : Larisa Z. Tsukerman  
Docket No. : KSN0009

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 29, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.